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SUBJECT: CHINA STARS SONG ENSEMBLE

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1. PRIOR RECEIPT REF A, STEPHEN LOW SUBMITTED ROC PASSPORTS
AND VISA APPLICATIONS FOR CHINA STARS GROUP MORNING JUNE 19.

ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

NEW YORK - JUNE 25 TO JULY 8

BOSTON - JULY 14 TO 18

TORONTO - JULY 20 TO 22

VANCOUVER - JULY 25 TO 28

SAN FRANCISCO - AUGUST 1 TO 8

LOS ANGELES - AUGUST 10 TO 13

DEPART US AUGUST 18

NO PERFORMANCE SCHEDULED FOR NEW YORK JUNE 21; HOWEVER,
LOW STATED HE WANTED GROUP IN NEW YORK AT THAT TIME TO APPEAR
AT SPECIAL FUNCTION SCHEDULED FOR THAT DATE.

2. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION STATES ORIENTAL MELODIES,
INC., WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPENSES OF GROUP. VICE

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PRESIDENT OF ORIENTAL MELODIES IS GUY V. MOLINARI PARTNER

IN MOLINARI, DE LILLO, SCOLLAR AND LASSER LAW FIRM, 88
NEW DROP PLAZA, STATEN ISLAND, NY, AND REPORTEDLY CANDIDATE
FOR NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY.

3. ALTHOUGH CHINA STARS GROUP MAY BE STRICTLY COMMERCIAL
ENTERPRISE, IT HAS BENEFITED FROM ADROIT HANDLING-- LAST-
MINUTE SUBMISSION OF PASSPORTS, VISA APPLICATIONS AND
ITINERARY, REQUEST FOR URGENT HANDLING, OSTENTATIOUS
INVOLVEMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL (ELMER FRIED, WHO CALLED FROM
NEW YORK,
WAS LAWYER FOR HAI CHIA TROUPE IN 1972). WE
ANTICIPATE GROC WILL BE VERY RELUCTANT TO FORCE CHANGE IN
PLANS.

4. AS REPORTED REF C, VICE MINISTER TSAI WEI-PING STATED
IN ORGINAL UNDERSTANDING THAT GROC CANNOT CONTROL
ENGAGEMENTS OF COMMERCIALY SPONSORED PRIVATE AND UNOFFICIAL
GROUPS AND
CANNOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF MONITORING OR EXERCISING
JURISDICTION OVER THEM. ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED UN-
DESIRABILITY OF SIMULTANEOUS PRESENCE OF ROC AND PRC GROUP
IN SAME CITY, HE QUESTIONED FEASIBILITY OF INSURING
NO GROUP IDENTITIED WITH ROC IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT
IN US SAME TIME AS PRC GROUP.

5. PASSPORTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO CONSULAR
SECTION AND WE ASSUME MEMBERS HAVE EXIT PERMITS. IF,
AFTER SEEING ITINERARY, DEPARRTMENT STILL WISHES US
TO APPROACH MOFA, WE WILL NECESSARILY DO SO AT HIGH
LEVEL, BUT EVEN THEN WOULD DOUBT SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME
UNLESS WE COULD SHOW SIMULTANEOUS PRESENCE OF TWO
GROUPS IN ONE LOCALITY. IF DEPARTMENT INTENDS DELAY
ISSUANCE OF VISAS UNTIL AFTER JULY 15, SUGGEST RZOIEW
POSSIBLE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL COMPLICATIONS ARISING
FROM LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION OR DELAY OF TOUR.

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